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¶1. (SBU) On June 19, Post delivered reftel demarche to the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On June 25, Econchief and Econoff met with Ambassador Ali al-Zarouni, Director of European, American and Oceanic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to follow up. Econchief urged the UAEG to encourage Nigeria to marshal its forces to stop the transmission of polio. Econchief also requested that the UAEG send two qualified observers to Nigeria to observe one of the upcoming immunization campaigns to promote high quality immunization efforts. Ambassador al-Zarouni said he would pass the request on to Ministry of Health officials, but made no other commitment. He suggested that the U.S. should have a charismatic person, such as either former President Clinton or President Carter spearhead a public awareness campaign to eradicate polio.
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